

It shall have the power to determine upon the mode of punishment in case of any dereliction of duty on the part of its members or officers.

It shall have the power to adopt cabalistic characters for the purpose of writing or telegraphing, said characters to be communicated to the presidents of the State councils, and by them to the presidents of the subordinate councils.

It shall have the power to adopt any and every measure it may deem necessary to the success of the organization: *Provided*, That nothing shall be done by the said national council in violation of the constitution: *And provided, further*, That in all political matters its members may be instructed by the State councils, and if so instructed, shall carry out such instructions of the State councils which they represent until overruled by a majority of the national council.

ARTICLE IV. The president shall always preside over the national council when present, and in his absence the vice president shall preside, and in the absence of both, the national council shall appoint a president *pro tempore*; and the presiding officer may at all times call a member to the chair, but such appointment shall not extend beyond one sitting of the national council.

ARTICLE V. Sec. 1.—The officers of the national council shall be a president, chaplain, corresponding secretary, recording secretary, treasurer, and two sentinels, with such other officers as the national council may see fit to appoint from time to time and the secretary and sentinels may receive such compensation as the national council shall determine.

Sec. 2.—The duties of the several officers created by this constitution shall be such as the work of this organization prescribes.

ARTICLE 6. Sec. 1.—All officers provided for by this constitution, except the sentinels, shall be elected annually by ballot. The president may appoint sentinels from time to time.

Sec. 2.—A majority of all the votes cast shall be requisite to an election for any office.

Sec. 3.—All officers and delegates of this council, and of all State, district territorial, and subordinate councils, must be invested with all the degrees of this order.

Sec. 4.—All vacancies in elective offices shall be filled by a vote of the national council, and only for the unexpired term of the said vacancy.

ARTICLE VII. Sec. 1.—The national council shall entertain and decide all cases of appeal, and it shall establish a form of appeal.

Sec. 2.—The national council shall levy a tax upon the State, district, or territorial councils for the support of the national council, to be paid in such manner and at such times as the national council shall determine.

ARTICLE VIII.—This national council may alter and amend this constitution at its regular annual meeting in June next, by a vote of the majority of the whole number of the members present.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 24, 1854.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Rule 1.—Each State, district, or territory in which there may exist five or more subordinate councils working under dispensations from the